

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 14th February 2008 at
Cartrefle, Cefn Road, Wrexham

Cllr P M Williams (**Chair**)

Cllr A K Gregory (**Vice Chair**)

*Cllr M Allum

Cllr L Gameson

Cllr C D Griffiths

*Cllr B T Halley

*Cllr J Howell

*Cllr J M Humberstone

Cllr M. King

Cllr C. Lloyd

Cllr D Mitchell

*Cllr C Powell

Cllr B R Pritchard

*Cllr M Vickers

Vacancy

*Absent

Also in attendance PCs. G. Wedley & D. Sprowston - North Wales Police

Mr. A. Rimmer – Wrexham CBC Youth Service Area Manager

124. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllrs. L. Gameson and J Humberstone

125. YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION

The Chair welcomed Mr. A. Rimmer to the meeting to outline the current Wrexham CBC provision for young people in the Caia area.

Mr Rimmer advised that the youth workers originally based at Queens Park Youth Club have, as agreed, established two open access drop in sessions at Kingsley Circle Community Centre with three staff attending (Mon & Thurs), both sessions are well attended with numbers increasing on a weekly basis.

A number of leisure activities are available and a programme has been developed with young people which covers elements from the Curriculum Statement for Youth Work in Wales. The team is now developing a Youth Forum.

There is a 2 session per week vacancy but once this is filled the team will develop an outreach/project work session on a Wednesday and one worker will support the new COPS (Caia's Own Performance Stars) group which is being developed at Kingsley Circle. There have been no sessions delivered at Queens Park Youth Club since Christmas and all the centre's user groups have now quit the building.

Since the New Year, staff have been sorting through all of the equipment preparing for removal. Some has been relocated to Kingsley Circle and the rest is being stored at The Vic. from where it will be distributed to new projects. All of the art and craft equipment is being incorporated into an area resource library from which any youth group in the area will be able to access it.

Mr. Rimmer advised that if any projects in Caia would like any of the equipment from Queens Park Youth Club building they should contact him to discuss. He further advised that the Management Committee of the former Queens Park Youth Club will be meeting on 19th February 2008.

The Clerk advised that a reply had been received from Mrs. Clare Field (Chief Prevention and Inclusion Officer) advising that any funds held in balances is still the responsibility of the original Management Committee.

Members expressed concern over the lack of outreach provision taking place and Mr. Rimmer acknowledged that this was a major gap in provision in the Caia Park area and that it was very effective in other areas.

A programme of forthcoming events was circulated and Mr. Rimmer was thanked for his presentation.

126. POLICE MATTERS

The Police representatives made reference to a recent successful application for a closure order at premises in Y Wern and gave an update on various matters and activities. It was noted that the appointment of a replacement Community Beat Officer for the Queensway Ward had not taken place but was thought to be very imminent.

Members referred to a particular incident which took place over the weekend of 9th/10th February at an address in Y Wern. This had caused a great deal of distress and disruption to other residents as well as the deployment of a considerable number of Police officers. The Chair advised that she had spoken to the Housing Estate Office and that residents were writing to the Chief Housing and Public Protection Officer expressing their concerns. Members felt that the new tenancy agreements were not being enforced as rigorously as they could be and it was **Resolved:** *to write to the Housing Estate Office expressing severe concerns over the incident, over the condition of the two blocks of flats referred to and the conduct of certain tenants in the area.*

A Member referred to the increased use of the playing fields off Cefn Road for indiscriminate drinking. Concerns were expressed over the volume of litter left as a result and the incidents of vandalism. The Police representatives agreed to monitor the situation.

Other matters:

- (i) Damage to fencing at Gwenfro
- (ii) Accident on Smithfield Road roundabout in proximity to the Eagles Meadow Development.
- (iii) A discussion took place on the repainting of yellow lines on Crescent Road and the displacement of vehicles onto Manley Road. It was noted that the lines had been repainted as part of the new decriminalised parking functions transferring from Police to Wrexham CBC.
- (iv) From observations of Members, it appeared that the problems involving motor cycles appeared to have lessened.

127. CHAIR & MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr P. Williams – Wrexham Police and Community Forum

Reported that the concerns of the Community Council regarding the lack of a CBM in the Queensway Ward had been raised at the meeting with the Divisional Commander.

Cllrs C. Lloyd and D. Mitchell – Gwenfro School Governors

It was reported that the Early Years were to occupy the Nursery building and that the Nursery were relocating to the main building. The Governing Body had expressed concerns over the lack of fencing adjacent to Gwenfro Valley which could cause security issues. It was **Resolved:** *to support the Governing Body and write to the LEA requesting that they examine the situation, further that the condition of the steps and underpass be brought to the attention of the Highway Authority.*

Cllr D. Mitchell – Wrexham Sustainability Forum. She reported that funding had been made available for the appointment of a development worker, working in partnership with the Forum and NEWI.

She also reminded members of the forthcoming Anti Poverty event taking place on 7th March at Kingsley Circle Community Centre from 6pm.

Cllr. M. King – Community Safety Partnership. Cllr King provided an update on the alcohol control zone initiative.

128. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 10th January 2008 be received and adopted as a correct record.

129. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

i. Resolved:

That the Council, in accordance with its powers under S137 and 139 of the Local government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:

<i>Caia Park Older People's Forum (Minibus)</i>	<i>£2,000</i>
<i>(Cllr. P. Williams declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)</i>	
<i>Alzheimer's Society</i>	<i>£100</i>

ii. Resolved:

That the following application be deferred pending further information and discussion

i. Rhosnesni Tenant's and Residents Assoc

(Cllr B. Pritchard declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

iii. Resolved:

That no grant be made to the following:

Caia Park Communities First Ltd (Community Almanac)

(Cllrs P. Williams and M. King declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

130. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Members considered the following applications for planning permission submitted for their observations by Wrexham CBC:

Resolved: *that no objection be raised on the following applications:*

P2008/0044	Land adjacent to 46 Tower View, Wrexham – Off street parking
P2008/0071	Frankie & Bennys – Unit B11A, Eagles Meadow, Wrexham Restaurant signage
P2008/0072	Frankie & Bennys – Unit B11A, Eagles Meadow, Wrexham Restaurant signage

The following decision notices issued by Wrexham CBC as Planning Authority were noted:

App. P2007/1236 (29 Salop Road, Wrexham) – Refused

App. P2007/1328 (61 Smithfield Road, Wrexham) – Granted

App. P2007/1349 (Staples, Border Retail Park) - Granted

131. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Consultation document – Wrexham Council owned Tree Strategy

Resolved: To note the documents and website details.

(ii) Consultation document – Caring for our Health 2008-2011

Resolved: To note the document

(iii) Letter re. Pitch No. 1 The Dunks

Members were advised that The Venture Community Football Club had made a request to Wrexham CBC to fence around the football pitch and provide dug outs in accordance with league requirements.

Resolved: To support the request providing the fencing and dug outs are maintained in a good condition.

(Cllrs. A. K. Gregory. M. King and P. Williams declared an interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)

(iv) Prohibition and restriction of waiting, loading and unloading and limited waiting – Eagles Meadow

Correspondence was received indicating that the new order would come into force on Monday 21st January 2008.

(v) Kidney Wales Foundation

It was noted that the Kidney Wales Foundation Walk for Life would take place on Sunday 30th March 2008.

(vi) Nightingale House Hospice – Ladies Midnight Walk

It was noted that this event would take place on Saturday 28th June 2008. The Spring newsletter was also received.

132. BALA ROAD PLAY AREA

Members received correspondence from Wrexham CBC enquiring if the Community Council would support the submission of a bid to relocate and refurbish the Bala Road play area (plans and location maps were provided). It was understood that consultation had been carried out some time ago in the area. Following discussion, it was *Resolved:*

i. To support the submission of the bid.

ii. To financially contribute to the sum of £5,000 as requested.

iii. To enquire if the existing spider could be refurbished and form part of the new play area.

133. YOUTH SHELTER – SMITHFIELD WARD

Members received a report on this matter and were reminded that they had supported the scheme in principle and made financial provision within the 2008/9 budget.

A meeting had been held with the Local County Borough Councillor and one of the Community Councillors for the Smithfield Ward together with the Police and PCSO for the area.

A possible location had been identified and the type of shelter was to be discussed with the young people. Consultation would also need to be carried out with residents in the area.

It was **resolved:**

To reaffirm support for the provision of a youth shelter

To explore other design options and consult with the young people

To research the effectiveness of youth shelters and report back to the next meeting

134. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – January 2008

The Clerk submitted the financial statement for period ending 31st January 2008

Resolved: *That the financial statement be received and adopted.*

135. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: *That the following accounts be authorised for payment*

			£ . p	Authority
D.D.	Vodafone	General Admin	* 13.99	
D.D.	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	*281.31	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>68.71</u>	350.02
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 14.41	
		CAS	* <u>28.30</u>	42.71
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall	12.74	
5102	Petty cash	General Admin	80.00	
5108	NIBBS	General Admin	* 107.89	
5109	John R Boyle	St Peter's Hall	* 56.40	
5110	Connaught Gasforce	St Peter's Hall	* 17.63	
5111	CPL Petroleum	Cartrefle	* 1250.97	LGA 1972 s133
5107	Caia Park Older People's Forum	Chairman's Allowance	160.00	
5112	Wrexham CBC	Amenities & Environment	1679.00	LGA 1972 s133
5118	Wrexham CBC	Traffic calming	7000.00	Local Govt & Ratings Act 1997 s 30.
5113	Colour Supplies	Cartrefle	* 6.25	
5114	NHS BSC	General Admin	143.56	
5115	Desk Centre	CAS	* 37.60	
5122	Wrexham CBC	Street Lighting	* 16884.75	H'way Act 1980 s301
5116	WNW	Cartrefle	* 69.26	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>60.01</u>	129.27
5117	Baldock Blinds	Cartrefle	* 233.98	
5120	Caia Park Older People's Forum	Donation	2000.00	s137 Local Govt Act 1972
5121	Alzheimer's Society	Donation	100.00	s137 Local Govt Act 1972
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle	18.80	
D.D.	Nat West Business Card	General Admin	* 31.71	
	P. Emery (Salary cheque - Feb)	CAS		
	G. Evans (Travel Feb)	CAS		
	K. Walker (sal adj/travel Feb)	CAS		
	M. Morris (Travel Feb)	General Admin		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Feb)		
	FCC	Pensions (Feb)		

(*Includes recoverable VAT of £2717.45)

